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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

October 26, ACTIV, Danish str., 355, Rebekka, Pakhoi 22nd October, and Heikow 24th, General—ABNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

October 27, MIKE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,381, J. H. Pyne, Hutchinson 22nd Oct., Coal—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

October 27, CHENG HYE TENG, British str., 923, M. G. Scott, Singapore 16th October, and Heikow 25th, General—BUN HIN CHAN.

October 27, INGRANAH, German str., 884, Mummam, Whampoa 27th October, General—WILLER & Co.

October 27, AMY, German str., 815, Kohler, Whampoa 27th October, General—STEMMSEN & Co.

October 27, M. KAPEDIA, British str., 1,454, J. B. Parry, Nagasaki 21st October, Coal—TAKASHIMA COLLIERY.

October 27, HALLOONG, British steamer, 783, J. S. Roush, Foochow 23rd October, Amoy 24th, and Swatow 25th, General—DOWDAS LAFRAK & Co.

October 27, TEINAN, British steamer, 1,560, W. N. Alliss, Nagasaki 24th October, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

October 27, LEANDER, British cruiser, Dunlop, Nagasaki 23rd October.

October 27, DUBUNG, German steamer, 921, C. A. Bertelsen, Saigon 19th October, General—CHINESE.

October 27, MARIS, German str., 704, Riske, Haiphong 25th October, and Amoy 24th, General—A. R. MARTY.

October 27, MELITA, German steamer, 339, H. Morck, Haiphong 26th October, General—WIELER & Co.

October 27, NICKAK, German steamer, 1,389, H. Sapper, Shanghai 23rd October, Mails and General—MELOCHERS & Co.

October 28, NINGCHOW, British steamer, 1,700, Wm. Durdin, Swatow 27th October, General—ABNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

October 28, PEKING, German steamer, 954, G. Heuver, Shanghai 25th October, General—SIEMENS & Co.

October 28, 25, ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, M. Casim, Manila 26th October, General—RUSSELL & Co.

October 28, CHIANG, British steamer, 1,351, Balbario, Whampoa 28th October, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

27TH OCTOBER.

Cheng Hye Teng, British str., for Swatow.

Amoy, German str., for Shanghai.

Footong, British str., for Shanghai.

Kutong, British str., for Swatow.

Changsha, British str., for Shanghai.

Amoy, German str., for Nagasaki.

Yokohama, German str., for Newchow.

Kwang-ke, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

Fokong, British str., for Swatow.

City of Rio de Janeiro, Amer. str., for Yokohama.

Angers, British str., for Guan.

DEPARTURES.

October 27, ANTON, German str., for Heikow.

October 27, CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, Amer. str., for San Francisco.

October 27, FOOKANG, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

October 27, GLENORCHY, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

October 27, INGRANAH, Brit. str., for Newchow.

October 27, KUBANG, British str., for Swatow.

October 27, KWANG-KE, Chir. str., for Shanghai.

October 27, ANGUS, British str., for Guan.

October 27, APENDRA, Ger. str., for Nagasaki.

October 27, CHANGSHA, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

October 27, FOXHEN, British str., for Tamsui.

October 27, PEKING, German str., for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Actv, str., from Pakhoi and Holloway—41 Chinese.

For Cheng Hye Teng, str., from Singapore, 135 Chinese, for Swatow and Amoy.

For Haldong, str., from East Coast—Miss Rivers, and 161 Chinese.

For Ningchow, str., from Swatow—Mr. Maran, and 530 Chinese.

For Nekar, str., from Shanghai—Mrs. M. Schlesinger, Miss F. E. Eory, Messrs. Denby, Schroder, Palmer, Endo, Hall, Widmann, and Wohltman, and 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For City of Rio de Janeiro, str., for Yokohama.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cowis, infant and servant, and Mr. Chas. E. Bigmore. For San Francisco.

—Mrs. E. Albert, and child.

For Amazon, str., for Yokohama—Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon, Mr. Ian Fai Wan, and Mrs. Liddy. For Kobe—Mr. F. Jorgo, and Mr. O. Jorge.

REPORTS.

The British steamer ZEPHYR, from Manila 23rd October, reports had strong monsoon with high seas throughout.

The British steamer MINGTONG, from Swatow 27th October, reports had strong N.E. winds and weather throughout.

The German steamer DUBUNG, from Saigon 19th October, reports had fresh N.E. monsoon with squalls and high seas.

The British steamer LEANDER, from Nagasaki 23rd October, reports had fine weather throughout. H. M. S. LIZEN at Nagasaki, will leave on the 25th inst. for Amoy.

The British steamer TAIWAN, from Calcutta 12th October, Peking 16th, and Singapore 20th, reports had strong N.E. winds and high sea from Singapore to port.

The British steamer METAPEDIA, from Nagasaki 23rd October, reports experienced strong to fresh N.E. winds and continued sea to 1st, 29 N. long, 123 E. From Tumong to White Dogs Fresh N.W. winds and clear weather. From the sea to port fresh N.E. winds and clear sky.

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TELEPHONE NO. 12.

BIRTH.—On the 28th instant, at 6, Belgrave Terrace, the wife of FREDERICK DODWELL, of a daughter.

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HONGKONG, OCTOBER 29TH, 1888.

It will be seen from the report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee that the unofficial Members of Council are favourably disposed to a revision of official salaries, in view of the great fall that has taken place in exchange since the salaries in the Civil List were fixed at the rate of 4s. 2d. to the dollar. The members of the Service have a fair and equitable claim, which, now that it has received the consent of the representatives of the public, will, no doubt, be honestly satisfied. The public, we assure, will endorse the views expressed in the Finance Committee on Saturday. When the revision takes place, it will be advantageous to amend the Civil List Ordinance and strike out the sterling equivalents of the salaries altogether. The currency of the colony is the dollar, and it is in that coin that the salaries are paid. But when the Civil List was fixed, we believe, it is a fact that the sterling value of the salaries was uppermost in the mind of the legislature, and it was intended that the Governor should receive £5,000 or its equivalent, whereas £24,000 falls short of that sum by £1,400. The other officers are on the same scale. Clearly this is unfair. It was the fault of the colony, not of the officers, that the salaries were expressed in sterling, and the colony ought to bear the loss.

In the revision of salaries the colony, we believe, would not wish to draw hard and fast line between those officers who were engaged under the old terms and those who have been engaged more recently and since the fall in exchange. If there is to be revision at all, let it have a thorough-going one, giving to each officer whatever salary it may be considered worth. There would be a good deal of heart-bursting and discontent amongst the newer men if the old hands got an increase of salary and were drawing higher pay for doing work no more valuable than their own. Exchange is the chief factor in the case, but the great increase in house-rent may also be fairly taken into consideration, as well as increased cost of living in other directions. Advantage might also be taken of the opportunity to amalgamate salaries and allowances throughout the Service, as the Colonial Secretary said the other day the Governor wished to do. Wherever allowances are made there is always the disposition to nibble a little here and a little there until the colony hardly knows what it is paying to some officers. The system is objectionable and demoralising.

The question of pensions is perhaps not yet ripe for dealing with, but the Colonial Secretary remarked on Wednesday that the abolition of pensions was what we were coming to. Pensions are spoken of by the advocates of the system as deferred pay. It would be better for all parties not to defer the pay. The system does not and cannot be made to work fairly. One man puts in twenty years' service and dies just before he would become entitled to his pension, and the "deferred pay" for which he is supposed to have worked is lost to his family, whereas another man may go on drawing his "deferred pay" for a quarter of a century or more. Hongkong is still paying pensions dating from 1861, a period of twenty-seven years. The gentlemen drawing them may have rendered very valuable services to the colony, but when their pension comes to be added on to the salary they received before their retirement the cost of the services will work out to rather a high figure. But in the interests of the colony and in the interests of the members of the Service we think the abolition of pensions, and a proportionate readjustment of salaries would be a good thing.

We understand it is the intention of Captain Scott, of the steamer *Chang-hyeon*, to appeal against his conviction by Mr. Pollock on Saturday of cruelty to animals. The steamer had brought a number of pigs from Howth, which were stowed, as Captain Scott understood, in the summer house in the trade, this being the first time he had had such a cargo to carry. As the steamer is of more than double the tonnage of some vessels which carry a larger number of animals, it is to be presumed they were less

closely packed than usual. However this may be it would be satisfactory on public grounds if the appeal were prosecuted, as it might result in an authoritative ruling as to what is to be construed as cruelty. The system of carrying pigs in baskets laid in layers is necessarily cruel in itself, and ought to be put a stop to. For the Police to institute an occasional prosecution will be productive of trouble and annoyance to the plain individual, who, though nominally responsible, is practically powerless in the matter. Where the system of carrying the animals is as essentially cruel, it must be impossible either for the Police or the Magistrate with any justice to draw the line between cases that merit punishment and those that do not. To be consistent a prosecution ought to be instituted in every case.

We understand the Sketching Club intends to have a conversation during the winter.

A fire occurred in Fukien road, Shanghai, on the morning of the 21st instant, when not less than fifty houses were burnt down. The *China Daily News* says they were all insured.

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for a sharpshooter, and fell a victim to "The Loss of the 'Waiting,'" which appeared in the "Daily Press" on October 21st. T. S. Smith succeeded, and runs came very fast, the score being raised from 110 to 150 before he was caught off his stroke. Davies then appeared, and as usual presented a solid front to the enemy. After compiling 18, confusing some masterly stroke, he placed one in Huntman's hands at the end of cover. The "Army Medical" had in the meantime been called away on duty and been replaced by Barff, who, after hitting mortally for 16, was unfortunately run over. Sparrow joined Scanlon, who had now returned, but was soon bowled by Johnstone, the light being by this time very bad. Capt. Stanly and Scanlon played out time, the score being 201 for 3 wickets. On Saturday morning, after hitting at 4, Capt. Stanly was caught at the wicket, the total being 205.

Higginbotham and Major Churchill started the innings for the Regiment, Bart and Maitland being deputed to bowl. Playing excellent cricket, the score was raised to 28 before Churchill was neatly taken in the slips by Major Miles Coxon having in the meantime relieved Barff. The rest of the innings need no special comment, the only one who made anything of a stand being Higginbotham being Johnstone, who played defensive cricket for 10. The side was out for 70, and "follow on" resulted.

After Higginbotham and Major Churchill had finished, the bowling first, Maitland and Coxon taking charge of the leather. At 11, Higginbotham put one up in the slips, and the R.A. Major, with but firmly secured it. Peter followed, and playing a fierce game of mean, hoisted his captain to the wicket at 30 before being well taken at point by Blair. Johnstone appeared, and a good stand was made. The Club fielding had begun to show signs of wear and tear, and it was not until 78 was reached that Johnstone hit out at a curly one from the left-hander, and was cleverly caught by Scanlon. Peter's wicket fell, and with the exception of Silifant, who was up 13, no one could materialize to the score. Major Churchill was top scorer with 26, Bart scoring him closely in the slips. The innings closed for 116.

By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and Officer of the Band of the "Steelbacks" discoursed delightful music during the afternoon. Several ladies were present and H.E. the Governor and his distinguished guests paid a short visit to the ground.

THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

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